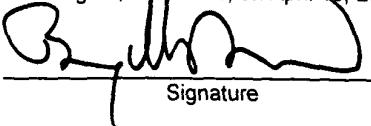


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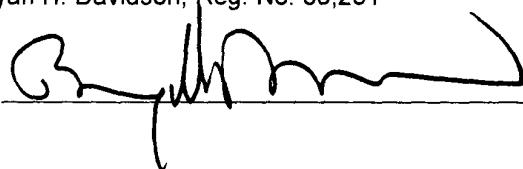
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Responsive to the Official Action dated December 10, 2001, petition being
hereby made for an extension of time of one (1) month, up to and including, April 10,
2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please further amend the remaining pending claims herein as follows:¹

- C 1 b)* 1. (Amended) A method of pretreating paper pulp, in which method paper pulp, either totally or at least the main part of it, is fed by means of a gas separation tank feed pump (12, 120) from a white water tank (10) into a gas separation tank (16) and from there by

¹ Pursuant to Rule 121(c), a marked-up version of the amended claims appears in Appendix I hereto and shows all changes by underlining added language and bracketing deleted language.